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SD Guard volunteers donate food to reservation community

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Volunteer members of the South Dakota National Guard delivered food collected during a food drive to benefit individuals living on South Dakota's Native American reservations to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Thursday, June 19.

Guard members and public citizens alike donated non-perishable food items at Army National Guard armories throughout the state and at the Air National Guard base in Sioux Falls during the months of May and June.

This year's drive collected more than 1,400 pounds of food.

"Imagine the great impact we might have in helping to stamp out hunger on the reservations when we all contribute our best," said Lt. Col. Lynn Wilson, food drive coordinator and SDNG state chaplain. "Every food item donated this year makes a difference."

The donated food will be divided among three organizations this year: The Cohen Memorial Home, which provides extended-stay nursing care to seniors with varying levels of disabilities in Pine Ridge; the Oglala Sioux Tribe Emergency Youth Shelter, which provides temporary refuge for girls and boys ages 12 through 17; and to Social/Nutrition, an elderly meals program.

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140619-Z-AB123-001: Volunteer members of the South Dakota National Guard deliver food collected during a food drive to benefit individuals living on South Dakota's Native American reservations to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Thursday, June 19, 2014. (Courtesy photo by Michon Holt)(RELEASED)



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